



## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### 14 CFR Part 71

[Docket No. FAA-2021-0849; Airspace Docket No. 21-ACE-17]

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### **Amendment of VOR Federal Airways V-161, V-190, and V-307, and Revocation of VOR Federal Airway V-516 in the Vicinity of Oswego, KS**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** This action amends VHF Omnidirectional Range (VOR) Federal airways V-161, V-190, and V-307, and revokes V-516. The FAA is taking this action due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Oswego, KS, VOR/Distance Measuring Equipment (VOR/DME) navigational aid (NAVAID). The Oswego VOR is being decommissioned in support of the FAA's VOR Minimum Operational Network (MON) program.

**DATES:** Effective date 0901 UTC, July 14, 2022. The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference action under 1 CFR part 51, subject to the annual revision of FAA Order JO 7400.11 and publication of conforming amendments.

**ADDRESSES:** FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, and subsequent amendments can be viewed online at [https://www.faa.gov/air\\_traffic/publications/](https://www.faa.gov/air_traffic/publications/). For further information, you can contact the Rules and Regulations Group, Federal Aviation Administration, 800 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20591; telephone: (202) 267-8783.

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## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### **Authority for this Rulemaking**

The FAA's authority to issue rules regarding aviation safety is found in Title 49 of the United States Code. Subtitle I, Section 106 describes the authority of the FAA Administrator. Subtitle VII, Aviation Programs, describes in more detail the scope of the agency's authority. This rulemaking is promulgated under the authority described in Subtitle VII, Part A, Subpart I, Section 40103. Under that section, the FAA is charged with prescribing regulations to assign the use of the airspace necessary to ensure the safety of aircraft and the efficient use of airspace. This regulation is within the scope of that authority as it modifies the route structure as necessary to preserve the safe and efficient flow of air traffic within the National Airspace System.

### **History**

The FAA published a notice of proposed rulemaking for Docket No. FAA-2021-0849 in the *Federal Register* (86 FR 60416; November 2, 2021), amending VOR Federal airways V-161, V-190, and V-307, and removing VOR Federal airway V-516. The proposed amendment actions were due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Oswego, KS, VOR/DME NAVAID. Interested parties were invited to participate in this rulemaking effort by submitting written comments on the proposal. No comments were received.

Subsequent to the NPRM, the FAA published a rule for Docket No. FAA-2021-0276 in the *Federal Register* (87 FR 2320, January 14, 2022; corrected January 25, 2022, 87 FR 3645), amending V-307 by removing the airway segment between the Harrison, AR, VOR/DME and the Oswego, KS, VOR/DME. That airway amendment was effective March 24, 2022, and is included in this rule.

VOR Federal airways are published in paragraph 6010(a) of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, which is incorporated by reference in 14 CFR 71.1. The VOR Federal airways listed in this document will be published subsequently in FAA Order JO 7400.11.

## **Availability and Summary of Documents for Incorporation by Reference**

This document amends FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021. FAA Order JO 7400.11F is publicly available as listed in the ADDRESSES section of this document. FAA Order JO 7400.11F lists Class A, B, C, D, and E airspace areas, air traffic service routes, and reporting points.

### **The Rule**

This action amends 14 CFR part 71 by amending VOR Federal airways V-161, V-190, and V-307, and removing VOR Federal airway V-516 due to the planned decommissioning of the Oswego, KS, VOR. The VOR Federal airway actions are described below.

**V-161:** V-161 extends between the Three Rivers, TX, VOR/Tactical Air Navigation (VORTAC) and the Gopher, MN, VORTAC; and between the International Falls, MN, VOR/DME and the Winnipeg, MB, Canada, VORTAC, excluding the airspace within Canada. The airway segment overlying the Oswego, KS, VOR/DME between the Tulsa, OK, VORTAC and Butler, MO, VORTAC is removed. The unaffected portions of the existing airway remain as charted.

**V-190:** V-190 extends between the Phoenix, AZ, VORTAC and the Springfield, MO, VORTAC. The airway segment overlying the Oswego, KS, VOR/DME between the Bartlesville, OK, VOR/DME and Springfield, MO, VORTAC is removed. The unaffected portions of the existing airway remain as charted.

**V-307:** V-307 extends between the Oswego, KS, VOR/DME and the Omaha, IA, VORTAC. The airway segment between the Oswego, KS, VOR/DME and Chanute, KS, VOR/DME is removed. The unaffected portions of the existing airway remain as charted.

**V-516:** V-516 extends between the Pioneer, OK, VORTAC and the Oswego, KS, VOR/DME. The airway is removed in its entirety.

All NAVAID radials listed in the VOR Federal airway descriptions below are unchanged and stated in True degrees.

FAA Order JO 7400.11, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, is published yearly and effective on September 15.

### **Regulatory Notices and Analyses**

The FAA has determined that this regulation only involves an established body of technical regulations for which frequent and routine amendments are necessary to keep them operationally current. It, therefore: (1) is not a "significant regulatory action" under Executive Order 12866; (2) is not a "significant rule" under Department of Transportation (DOT) Regulatory Policies and Procedures (44 FR 11034; February 26, 1979); and (3) does not warrant preparation of a regulatory evaluation as the anticipated impact is so minimal. Since this is a routine matter that will only affect air traffic procedures and air navigation, it is certified that this rule, when promulgated, will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the criteria of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

### **Environmental Review**

The FAA has determined that this action of amending VOR Federal airways V-161, V-190, and V-307, and removing V-516, due to the planned decommissioning of the VOR portion of the Oswego, KS, VOR/DME NAVAID, qualifies for categorical exclusion under the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. §§ 4321 et seq.) and its implementing regulations at 40 CFR part 1500, and in accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, Environmental Impacts: Policies and Procedures, paragraph 5-6.5a, which categorically excludes from further environmental impact review rulemaking actions that designate or modify classes of airspace areas, airways, routes, and reporting points (see 14 CFR part 71, Designation of Class A, B, C, D, and E Airspace Areas; Air Traffic Service Routes; and Reporting Points). As such, this action is not expected to result in any potentially significant environmental impacts. In accordance with FAA Order 1050.1F, paragraph 5-2 regarding Extraordinary Circumstances, the FAA has reviewed

this action for factors and circumstances in which a normally categorically excluded action may have a significant environmental impact requiring further analysis. The FAA has determined that no extraordinary circumstances exist that warrant preparation of an environmental assessment or environmental impact study.

### **List of Subjects in 14 CFR Part 71**

Airspace, Incorporation by reference, Navigation (air).

### **The Amendment**

In consideration of the foregoing, the Federal Aviation Administration amends 14 CFR part 71 as follows:

### **PART 71--DESIGNATION OF CLASS A, B, C, D, AND E AIRSPACE AREAS; AIR TRAFFIC SERVICE ROUTES; AND REPORTING POINTS**

1. The authority citation for 14 CFR part 71 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 106(f), 106(g); 40103, 40113, 40120; E.O. 10854, 24 FR 9565, 3 CFR, 1959-1963 Comp., p. 389.

#### **§71.1 [Amended]**

2. The incorporation by reference in 14 CFR 71.1 of FAA Order JO 7400.11F, Airspace Designations and Reporting Points, dated August 10, 2021, and effective September 15, 2021, is amended as follows:

#### **Paragraph 6010(a) Domestic VOR Federal airways.**

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#### **V-161 [Amended]**

From Three Rivers, TX; Center Point, TX; Llano, TX; INT Llano 026° and Millsap, TX, 193° radials; Millsap; Bowie, TX; Ardmore, OK; Okmulgee, OK; to Tulsa, OK. From Butler, MO; Napoleon, MO; Lamoni, IA; Des Moines, IA; Mason City, IA; Rochester, MN; Farmington, MN; to Gopher, MN. From International Falls, MN; to Winnipeg, MB, Canada, excluding the airspace within Canada.

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#### **V-190 [Amended]**

From Phoenix, AZ; St. Johns, AZ; Albuquerque, NM; Fort Union, NM; Dalhart, TX; Mitbee, OK; INT Mitbee 059° and Pioneer, OK, 280° radials; Pioneer; INT Pioneer 094° and Bartlesville, OK, 256° radials; to Bartlesville.

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**V-307 [Amended]**

From Chanute, KS; Emporia, KS; INT Emporia 336° and Pawnee City, NE, 194° radials;  
Pawnee City; to Omaha, IA.

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**V-516 [Removed]**

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